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DCF Secretary Announces Thousands in Milwaukee Building Skills and Gaining Jobs through the Transitional Jobs Program

The Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson announced today that the transitional jobs program will help provide 4,000 individuals with an immediate income, an opportunity to develop the skills and experience the local labor market demands, and a positive work history. This project, launched less than one year ago and continued in the 2011 – 2013 Biennial Budget, has already helped prepare over 1,900 people with new skills and experience to re-enter the workforce.

The Transitional Jobs Program is designed to assist low-income individuals who are not eligible for W-2, such as fathers without custody of their children or young adults leaving the foster care system, acquire new skills and work experience.

“By providing people with paying jobs so they can gain valuable work experience, develop a work history, and earn a reference from an employer, the Transitional Jobs Programs is helping fathers succeed in a very tough job market,” said Secretary Anderson.

This initiative not only helps families but it also provides businesses with needed workers at no risk or expense to the business. Transitional workers add the most value to businesses that want to either stay open or expand, but cannot immediately hire and pay new employees due to reduced revenue or reduced access to short-term credit lines.

“Governor Walker is committed to creating jobs in Wisconsin, and transitional jobs are good for workers and businesses” Anderson stated. “This program helps individuals, helps their families, helps employers, and strengthens local economies.”

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